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The Honorable Vernon S. Broderick
Thurgood Marshall
United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. Christopher Collins, et al., S1 18 Cr. 567 (VSB)

Dear Judge Broderick:

We write in response to the Court's August 6, 2020 Order directing the parties to provide additional information about COVID-19-related restrictions and procedures related to defendants surrendering to FPC Pensacola, where Mr. Collins has been designated to serve his sentence. The following information reflects the Government's current understanding in light of conversations with representatives of the Bureau of Prisons ("BOP"). The BOP has requested that we emphasize that this information is subject to change based upon the dictates of public health, local conditions in Florida, or the needs of the prison population.

The BOP as a whole, and FPC Pensacola in particular, are currently operating under Phase 9 of the BOP's Coronavirus Action Plan ("Action Plan"). Under the Action Plan, each BOP institution is required to designate specific quarantine and isolation areas with capacity sufficient to accommodate the expected population. When a new prisoner arrives at the facility, the prisoner undergoes an initial COVID-19 screening. That screening includes a check for physical symptoms of the disease, a temperature check, and a COVID-19 diagnostic test. Inmates who test positive or exhibit COVID-19 symptoms are immediately placed in medical isolation until they meet CDC guidelines for integration into the prison population. New inmates who test negative for the disease and exhibit no symptoms are placed into quarantine for 14 days. During the 14-day quarantine period, inmates' temperatures are checked daily and they are monitored for other symptoms of COVID-19. At the end of the 14-day period, if an inmate has remained asymptomatic, he is screened and tested again. If the inmate continues to test negative and has no other symptoms, he is released into the general population.

At FPC Pensacola, incoming prisoners are quarantined in D-Unit, a dormitory-style unit made up of sleeping cubes surrounded by 6-foot-tall cinder block walls. Typically D-Unit houses 118 inmates. There are eight sinks, eight showerheads, and eight toilets in the unit. Currently FPC Pensacola expects that, at the time of Mr. Collins's surrender, there will be two inmates already in quarantine and one arriving the day after he does. Although additional inmates may enter D-Unit during Mr. Collins's quarantine period, there is sufficient space in the dormitory for each quarantining prisoner to have his own cinder-block cube, to maintain social distance from other inmates, and to have his own sink and shower. Mask use is required in common areas. Medical rounds are conducted at least twice a day, or more frequently if needed. During the 14-day quarantine, prisoners do not have access to email or phones for social calls. Necessary legal calls can be arranged with advance notice.

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